

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**  
☐ **UNTIMELY**

**DATE:** 12/11/2020

**DOCKET #:** 2020-893

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Arnel W Cosey, Ph.D.  
Address: 30 Admiralty Court, New Orleans, LA 70131  
Alt. Address: 1201 Canal Street - Apt 2017, New Orleans, LA 70112  
Office/Position: New Orleans Workforce Development Board  
New Orleans Library Board / New Orleans / Orleans  
Bricolage Academy Charter School  
Dates of Service: 2013-2020  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 11

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment  
Report ID: PFD19003957  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019  
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/6/2019  
NOD-amend Received: 8/5/2019 - Signed By: Unable to Determine  
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 8/14/2019  
Amendment/Answer Filed: 12/1/2019

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 109  
Total days late from initial due date: 200  
Late Fee Order Received: 11/2/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/23/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 11/2/2020

## COMMENTS:

Arnel Cosey is requesting a waiver for the late filing of her 2018 Amendment. Ms. Cosey stated she was no longer serving on the New Orleans Library Board or the New Orleans Workforce Development Board in 2018, so she did not list them in the PFD. She officially divorced in 2014, therefore she did not report income for my former husband for the 2018 filing year. She filed the requested information for compliance upon receiving the request for the Delgado income and each time she was contacted by the BOE she immediately responded or rectified the situation. She stated she did not receive the Notice to Amend Delinquency dated 8/2/2019, nor did she signed for it on 8/5/2019; and the receiving signature is not hers or her mother, who is the only other person living at the home during that time.

Ms. Cosey stated a monumental board member lesson learned was when she had to pay her first late fee assessment. She stated that fine has remained at the forefront of her mind since 2014; so she has consistently filed her disclosures timely and accurately according to the BOE Guidelines until the 2018 filing which only required clarification of her marital status and income. Ms. Cosey hope the Ethics Board would approve her request to waive her late fee assessment.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes. 2014-\$1500

### Paid

- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

Louisiana Board of Ethics  
Post Office Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

November 2, 2020

Board of Ethics:

This communication is a request for a waiver of the assessment fee pertaining to my 2018 – Amendment New Orleans Library Board/New Orleans Development Board/Bricolage (Report:PFD19003957).

My request is for the following reasons:

- ❖ I was no longer serving on the New Orleans Library Board nor the New Orleans Workforce Development Board in 2018, so I did not list them.
- ❖ I was officially divorced in 2014, therefore I did not report income for my former husband for the 2018 filing year.
- ❖ I filed the requested information for compliance upon receiving the request for the Delgado income.
- ❖ Each time I am contacted by your office I reach out and/or respond immediately to rectify the situation at hand as in this instance.
- ❖ I was not in receipt of the certified letter dated 08/02/19 and signed for on 08/05/2019. The receiving signature is not mine nor my mother's who was the only other person living at the home at the time that of anyone who lived with me at that time.
- ❖ I have filed consistently since 2014.
- ❖ Since receiving and having to pay my 1<sup>st</sup> late fee, a monumental lesson learned that has remained at the forefront of my mind, I have since filed

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accurately and according to the guidelines until the 2018 filing which only required clarification of my marital status and income.

For the aforementioned reasons, I hope that you will approve this request.

Sincerely,

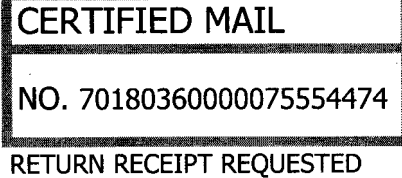
*Arnel W. Cosey*

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August 2, 2019

Arnel W Cosey, Ph.D.  
30 Admiralty Court  
New Orleans, LA 70131

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - AMEND  
PFD19003957**

Dear Arnel W Cosey, Ph.D.:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of your Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2018 that was filed with this office on May 6, 2019, indicates the following error(s) or omission(s):

**While your membership on the Brickolage Academy Charter School requires you to file a Tier 3, your service on the New Orleans Library Board and New Orleans Workforce Development Board requires you to file a Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.**

**You are also required to disclose income that your spouse received during calendar year 2018) from the Delgado Community College on SCHEDULE E.**

**The Tier 2.1 Form is found here: <http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/FinDiscl/F417s.pdf>**

**You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file an amendment to your Statement, or to submit a written Answer contesting the allegations. Failure to file within the 7 days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.**

If you would like to view the report that was initially filed to further explain the omission and/or correction needed, you may visit our website at [www.ethics.la.gov](http://www.ethics.la.gov). If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Tammy Frazier  
Compliance Investigator

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
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1. Article Addressed to:

Arnel W Cosey, Ph.D.  
30 Admiralty Court  
New Orleans, LA 70131



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

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☐ Agent☐ Addressee

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8/5/19

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